

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
SEPTEMBER 1995  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 14 MARCH 1996  
HNC REVISION: 3 JUNE 1998  
SECOND TAG REVIEW DATE: 3 JUNE 1998**

**1. SITE NAME:** Fort Revere

**SITE NUMBER:** D01MA021500

**LOCATION:**

City: Hull  
County: Plymouth  
State: Massachusetts

**PROJECT NUMBER:** D01MA021502

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 2

**ASR RAC:** 1 (NOFA)

**TAG RAC:** 1 (NOFA)

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**3. SITE DESCRIPTION:** Fort Revere Military Reservation consisted of 77.5 acres of land situated in the city of Hull in Plymouth County, Massachusetts. Fort Revere is 9 miles East of Boston, Massachusetts across Boston Harbor, or can be reached by driving 25 miles SE of Boston by land.

**4. SITE HISTORY:** The site known as the former Fort Revere Military Reservation has a long and varied use. The site was used to setup a warning beacon in 1673 atop what is now Telegraph Hill. The inhabitants of Hull erected some sort of fortification on the hill during King Phillips War (1775-1776). In 1776 the committee on Fortifications had plans drawn up for a pentagonal fort. The defense, first known as Allerton Battery, was later named Fort Independence and completed in 1777. The next use of the area as a defensive installation was not until 1897 when property was acquired by the U.S. Government for use as a Coastal Defense Site. The site was named Fort Revere in 1900. The site was used until the end of WWII. It was declared surplus in 1948.

Fort Revere consisted of four batteries, each named after military personnel. These are summarized as follows:

Battery Name	No. of Guns	Caliber	Yrs Present at site
Ripley	2	12 inch	1901-1943
Field	2	5 inch	1901-1917
Sanders	3	6 inch	1906-1943
Pope	3	6 inch	1906-1917
AA Battery #1	3	3 inch	1936-1946
AMTB No.941	4	90 mm	1943-1946

HE ordnance was used on site as confirmed by ammunition shipment notifications that were located. During the 1900 to 1946 time frame, Fort Revere Military Reservation did fire their guns on varying occasions. It was suggested that at least one of the guns be replaced because it had been fired so many times. It is assumed that both HE and practice ammunition were used.

The area is now used as a residential area, a public school and a park.

## **5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

### **Area A**

Size, Acres: 77.5 acres

Former Use:	Military installation
Present Use:	Public School, Public Parks, Residential Development
Probable End Use:	Same
Ordnance Presence:	None

#### **Area B**

Size, Acres:	52,000 acres
Former Use:	Off Shore Impact area
Present Use:	Ocean
Probable End Use:	Ocean
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Type:	3, 5, 12 inch and 90mm

**6. CURRENT STATUS:** The Archives Search Report (ASR) was completed by Rock Island District in September 1995.

**7. STRATEGY:** RAC 1 NOFA

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group (TAG) reviewed this ASR again on 3 June 1998 and, based on the additional information pertaining to the islands in Boston Harbor, has decided that Area B should be RAC 1 NOFA. Area A should remain RAC 5 NOFA.

This ASR was reviewed by the TAG on 14 March 1996 and a determination was made for RAC 5 NOFA for Area A and RAC 1 NOFA for Area B. Area B was recommended for NOFA in accordance with USACE Memorandum (Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) - Site Eligibility Policy Clarification for Ordnance and Explosives (OE) at FUDS, dated 15 March 1994). Subject memorandum states that off-shore ordnance sites beyond 100 yards of mean high tide will not be added to the Inventory Data Base.

**Area A:** Although ordnance was stored at and fired from Fort Revere, records indicate that there was good accountability for weapons and ammunition. Interviews with local police and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units revealed no instances of munition items being found or reported as being found at Fort Revere. No historical evidence or physical evidence indicates or implies there is OE presence at Fort Revere. There are no records of disposal pits or demolition grounds/pits. Therefore, a determination has been made of RAC 5 NOFA.

**Area B:** Since the 14 March 1996 TAG, Rock Island District has pointed out islands which lie within the firing fan of Fort Revere. These were not mentioned in the ASR text, illustrated in the firing fan (Plate 3) or in the RAC sheet for Area B. Two of

these Islands (Great Brewster Island Military Reservation, D01MA048102 and Outer Brewster Island Military Reservation, D01MA048202) have completed INPRs and ASRs. They both resulted in RAC 5 NOFA. Calf Island Military Reservation, D01MA0478, is another island within the firing fan and an INPR has not yet been completed. Middle Brewster Island, Little Brewster Island/Boston Light, The Graves Island, Green Island, Little Calf Island and Shag Rocks are also within the firing fan, but not in the FUDS database. In a FONECON with Mr. Dave Larson, New England Division, on 3 June 1998, he stated that he has studied all of these islands and there is no evidence, physically or historically, of OE presence. He also stated that he does not believe that any of these islands would have been used as a target. The bigger islands had families living on them. There is the potential for OE presence on the bottom of the off-shore impact area B, and based on the recent island information, a determination has been made of RAC 1 NOFA.

There are no known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area, except the occasional transient Bald Eagle or Peregrine falcon.

There is an historical archeological site identified within the Former Fort Revere Military Reservation. The site is the remains of Fort Independence.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA**

**10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: NOFA**